(e) what are the expected inputs provided by the UNICEF to run such schools?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) to (e) As per the information received from the Government of NCT of Delhi, the Department of Education, SCERT and UNICEF have entered into an understanding to improve the academic performance in Delhi Government Schools. It has been reported that there is no acute shortage of teachers and the normal shortage is being filled up by direct recruitment as well as through promotions. The UNICEF and SCERT are providing inputs to improve the quality basically by training and motivating teachers.

Private commercial institutions affiliated to Indraprastha University

2211. SHRI C. APOK J AMIR:
VEN'BLE DHAMMAVIRIYO:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry of HRD formally permitted the National Council of Teacher Education (NCTE) to grant licence to private commercial institutions operating under affiliation with Indraprastha University on a yearly basis (i.e. subject to renewal);

(b) the number of such institutions where the B.Ed, courses are running under licence which is renewed from year to year; and

(c) whether his Ministry has allowed filling of a certain proportion of seats in these institutions on capitation basis?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) and (b) Consequent on the National Council for Teacher Education Act, 1993 coming into force with effect from 17.8.1995, every institution offering a course or training in Teacher Education is required to seek recognition from the National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE). Eighteen B.Ed. Institutions have been granted recognition by the NCTE in the National Capital Territory of Delhi. Six of these institutions which

are privately managed, have been granted affiliation by the Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University.

(c) No, Sir. However, the fee structure of these six institutions have been fixed by the University as per the policy guidelines of Government of Delhi.

Enforcement of Acts to empower women

2212. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to enforce Central Acts to empower women in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether several laws relating to women are dormant and need immediate enforcement; and

(d) if so, the steps contemplated by Government to effectively implement the dormant laws relating to women?

- THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) to (d) The Government has enacted several legislations to ensure the protection of the rights of women, gender equality and to prevent atrocities against women. Enforcement of these Acts is the responsibility of the State Governments. The Government has been issuing instructions to the State Governments/Union Territory administrations to strictly enforce the laws concerning women, review them wherever necessary and gender sensitise the administrative, enforcement and judicial personnel.

Provisions of law affecting women are being reviewed periodically and amendments carried out to keep pace with emerging requirements. Such laws, which have special provisions to safegaurd women's interests, are not dormant and are being invoked as is evident from cases under trial.

The Government also imparts legal literacy to women through various programmes and schemes to make them aware of their rights under Law.